Faculty Senate Public Engagement and Outreach Council (FSPEOC) AGENDA
February 23, 2024
9:00 – 10:15 AM Via ZOOM

Attendance: Lisa Troy, Sara Whitcomb, Joseph Krupczynski, Isabel Espinal, Elena Carbone, Heidi Bauer-Clapp, Remy Housley, Laura Vandenberg, Bob Maloy, Sigrid Schmalzer, Terre Parker, Julia Jorati, Rose Webster-Smith

I. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

Short/quick members introductions and/or check-ins (as/if needed.)

II. LOGISTICS

a. Review/Approve Minutes from FSPEOC_notes_1.26.24.docx
b. Review Agenda

III. DISCUSSION OF CURRENT FSPEOC ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

a. Council Sub-Committees updates:
    - Distinguished Community Engagement Awards Sub-Committee
        - Congrats to Remy on pulling together info session and delivering content!
        - No current applications
        - Plan is to extend deadline as needed. March 8 is current deadline
        - Please reach out to everyone we know to encourage applications
        - Can get to link through faculty development page
        - Joseph will reach out to Provost office to send another blast
        - Laura—direct email to folks would be helpful.
        - https://umass.inforeadv4.com/#freeformCompetitionDetail/1924661

        - Laura—Can we encourage multiple submissions from the same department? Seems like some departments only "allow" nominations of one person.
        - Remy—can send email to last year's winners to nominate or encourage. Can also send email to last year's applicants that did not win and encourage them to apply again.
        - Everyone here should try to invite one person!
- Carnegie Classification Task Force Sub-Committee
    - Subcommittees are meeting on their own with goal of collecting data and list of resources. Will report to faculty senate this spring.
        - **Curriculum/Co-Curriculum**-Working with grad student for courses and working with Student Affairs for a list of materials for co-curriculum
        - **Community Partnership-**Sara will be developing a community partnership google form to send out to this council and for subcommittee to send out to departments to collect these data. Will only be sharing 5-8 examples of partnerships in the final report. Please fill out form even if you are uncertain if all of the criteria are met.
        - **Infrastructure/Alignment—**Lisa—looking at faculty, students, staff and their efforts in community engagement research. Campus/community context—looks at how do we look at community and how do we track it. Currently collecting data and then will do a first pass and then figure out if it belongs in this category or others as there are a lot of overlaps.
        - **Institutional Support—**Looks at tenure/promotion policies, awards. Tony Paik is on this committee.
- New Membership Recruitment Sub-Committee
    - Heidi—list of current and previous members that committee is working to clean up and identify vacancies
    - Also, trying to figure out how to add seats for this committee (e.g., Graduate school) through faculty senate process
    - Want to think about positions that are not currently represented on this committee and should be
    - Creating an excel document that reconciles website and lists of members and will add space for positions not represented.
    - Lisa—What is the expectation for membership. Consider membership/active membership

        - https://www.umass.edu/senate/public-engagement-and-outreach-council
    - Community Partnership Sub-Committee
        - Met on February 6 and meeting on March 8.
        - This committee is intersection between ESAM and FSPEOC
        - Discussed if they want to increase membership of committee
        - Identifying ways in which UMass can better support grassroots organizations. Big question is where can this proposal be housed and administered? Joseph will share proposal with Sheryl Brooks (sp?), Laura Vandenberg and Lydia from Springfield Center. Would like to be involved in April 5 event at Springfield Center.

IV. **NEW BUSINESS/ISSUES/ANNOUNCEMENT**

a. Event at UMass Amherst Springfield Center 4/5 from 9:30 – 12:00
    i. Idea is to have a gathering once per semester to discuss/showcase community engaged teaching and research projects
    ii. Joseph is working with Lydia to organize it.
    iii. Terre—partners in Holyoke/Springfield are interested in touring the space. Could that be a part of that?
    iv. Sigrid—Community Partnership subcommittee would like to be involved in this day
    v. Sara—The BIRCh Project can fund this breakfast
    vi. Joseph—Faculty/community partner presentations from 10-11, roundtable conversations in second hour that could be a visioning conversation for the Center, and then a brief tour.
    vii. Rose—Suggestion to get this out to community organizations as soon as possible
b. Continue Discussion on DEI/Campus Climate and Institutionalizing Engagement
    i. https://www.umass.edu/diversity/initiatives/campus-climate-improvement-grants
    ii. Isabel looking for a partner to work with her on this grant. Trying to observe perceptions of staff, from diverse identities, who are dedicated to working on DEI/community engagement and receive sanctions for the work. Reflections from this book: *On Being Included: Racism and Diversity in Institutional Life*
    iii. Joseph—Suggests to connect with DEI office also as this is a broad issue to be considered. Also, consider bringing the author of the book to campus. CESL could co-sponsor and will follow up.

iv. Laura—Some barriers to application with review of video and pre-application meeting. Interim—Kerri Tillet might be the person to talk to and Laura can start that conversation.

c. Discuss File/Folder Management Systems (Next Time)
d. Check out this opportunity! https://www.umass.edu/aes/event/arts-extension-service-50th-anniversary-celebration